

Order Number: # 03-09-03-23-02



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Prescott National Forest
Bradshaw Ranger District**

Special Closure for NFSR 9271A Area

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands in the Bradshaw Ranger District, Prescott National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area"):

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(d) & (e).

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service Permit specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2).
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.
3. Forest Service staff and contractors (North Wind Environmental LLC.) directly involved with the subject archeological survey.
4. Members of the Seven Spear Ranch for the purpose of management and control of cattle grazing operations within the Burnt Ranch and Cold Springs allotments, to the extent said activities are consistent with all issued authorizations.

DESCRIBED AREA

National Forest System (NFS) Road 9271A and all NFS lands within a quarter (1/4) mile

east and west of NFS Road 9271A, located within Township 14 North, Range 3 West, Sections 17 & 18, Gila and Salt River Baseline Meridian, starting from the intersection of NFS Road 9271A and Iron Springs Road, then following NFS Road 9271A south for approximately one mile to the cattle guard located at 34° 35.229' N x -112° 36.220' W.


PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to provide safe working conditions for grazing permittees and contractors employed to conduct archeological surveys within the Described Area.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from May 30, 2023, at 6:00 AM through June 16, 2023, at 6:00 AM, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/prescott/alerts-notice>
3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
4. A violation of the above prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.
5. Contact the Bradshaw Ranger District in Prescott, at (928) 443-8000, and Prescott National Forest Supervisor's Office in Chino Valley, at (928) 777-2200, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts on the same Described Area.

Signed and issued on May 22nd, 2023.


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